

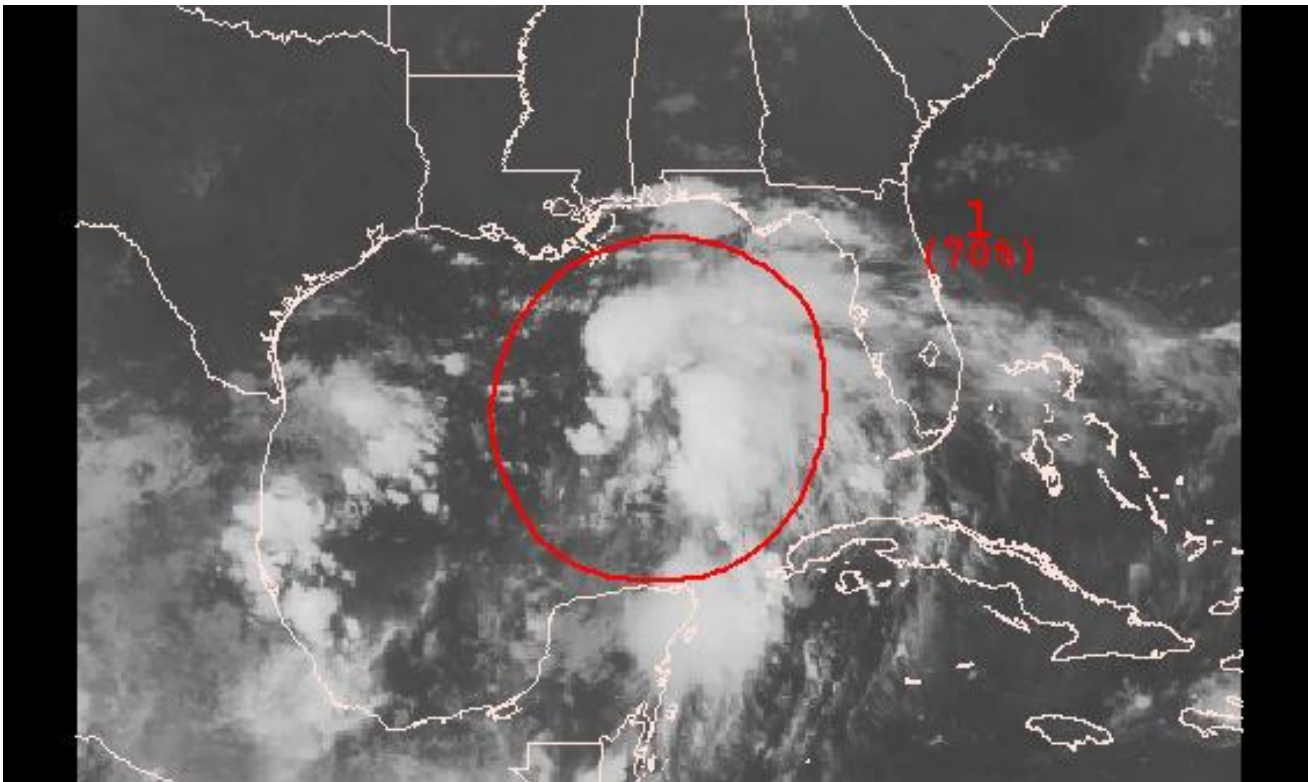


# National Weather Service Tallahassee, Florida



In this update:

- Tropical disturbance expected to evolve into a tropical cyclone by the weekend.

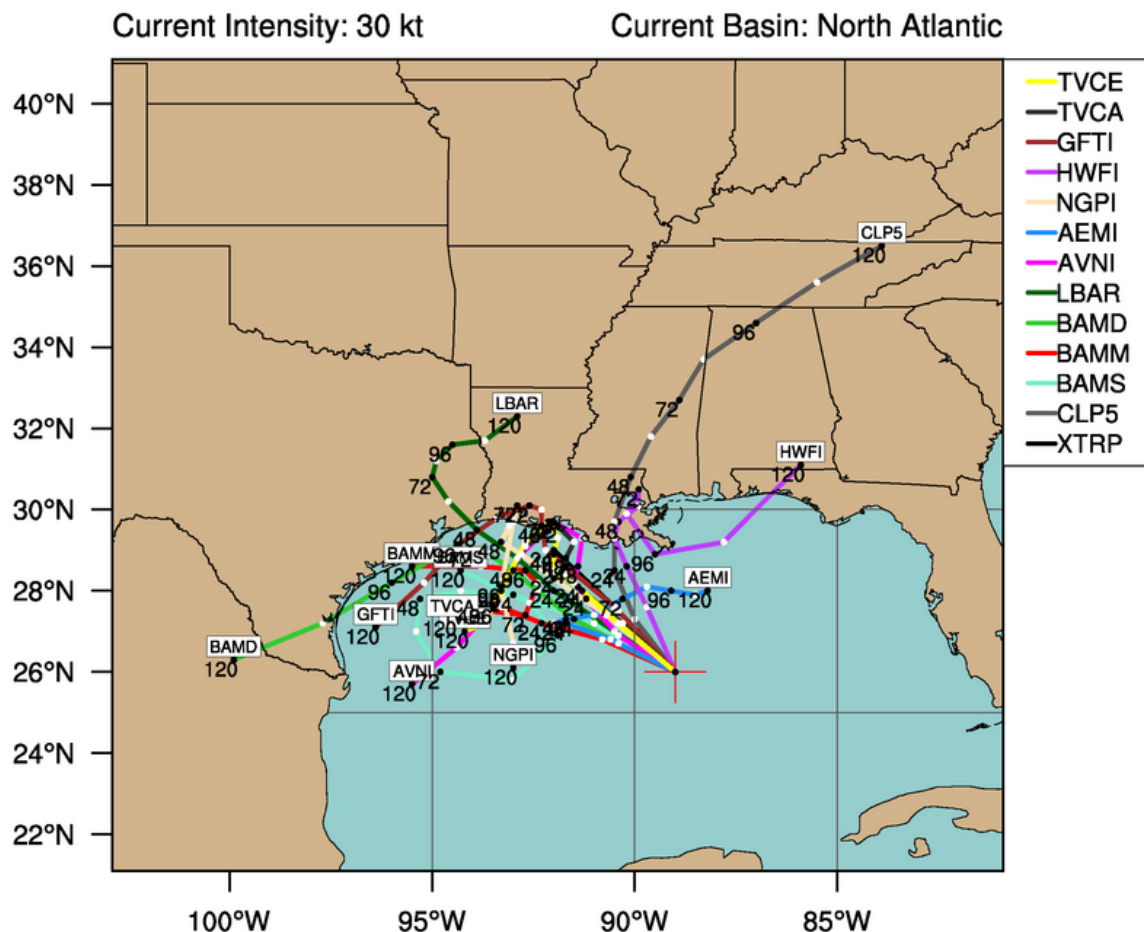


An area of disturbed weather in the central Gulf of Mexico continues to be watched very closely. As of late Thursday morning, the National Hurricane Center places a 70% chance for growth into a tropical depression or tropical storm in the next 48 hours, although no identifiable low pressure area has been noted at the surface.

Once a center of low pressure is indentified, the system would likely be upgraded, as winds aloft become more favorable for growth. Most of the forecast models for the past couple of days develop this area into a tropical storm. The majority of the guidance moves the system slowly northwest towards the Louisiana coast, where it then stalls. There is a **large** amount of uncertainty in all aspects of this impulse, especially since no center has been identified, which is important for the forecast models. The various forecast tracks are shown below as of early Thursday morning.

## DISTURBANCE INVEST (AL93)

Early-cycle track guidance initialized at 1200 UTC, 01 September 2011



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Key Points for this event:

- Possible Tropical Storm evolution in the Gulf of Mexico over the next day or two.
- Uncertainty is much higher than normal, especially since no organized center has been identified.
- At this time, system is expected grow into a Tropical Depression or Tropical Storm as it meanders northwest towards Louisiana over the next two days.
- Impacts, if any, should be confined along the Panhandle coast and western inland counties into southeast Alabama where showers and thunderstorms could increase as the system grows.
- Beach goers in the Florida Panhandle over the holiday weekend will likely see high surf and could see beach closures due to the rip current and high surf threats.
- Minimal impacts over Georgia and Florida Bend counties are expected at this time through Saturday, although clouds and showers may increase.
- Evolution and track of this impulse too uncertain to give any definitive statements regarding impacts late in the holiday weekend and into early next week.
- All should keep a close eye on this impulse and monitor the latest guidance from the NHC.

The National Weather Service in Tallahassee will continue to monitor this system closely. If you have any questions, please give our office a call at 850-942-883,3 or on our toll free line at 800-598-4562, and ask to speak to a meteorologist. We are available 24 hours a day, 7 days a week. You can also reach us on our Southern Linc phone at 1\*77\*184.